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HELP, SEMI-PRIVATE EYE JONES! RUNAWAY COASTER!
YIKES!
THIS IS GONNA BE A QUICK LUNCH!
BLAZE
READ: JUGHEAD JONES SEMI-PRIVATE EYE IN A TAN & SANDY SNOOZE!

J. JONES, SEMI-PRIVATE EYE
A TAN AND SANDY SNOOZE
THEY TELL ME THE RIVERDALE AMUSEMENT PIER WAS BUILT BACK IN THE "GOOD OL' DAYS". BACK WHEN MOVIES WERE A QUARTER AND GAS WAS 15 CENTS A GALLON.
IT DIDN'T SOUND ALL THAT GREAT TO ME ...UNTIL THEY MENTIONED BURGERS WERE 5 CENTS, WITH EVERYTHING! GOOD OL' DAYS?
IT MUST HAVE BEEN MAGICAL.
BUOY #17
BUT I BET GETTING DUMPED IN THE OCEAN IN YOUR CIVVIES WASN'T ANY MORE FUN BACK THEN...
...THAN IT IS NOW.
BUT HERE I AM... TRYING TO DRINK THE OCEAN, AND ASKING MYSELF THE MUSICAL QUESTION...

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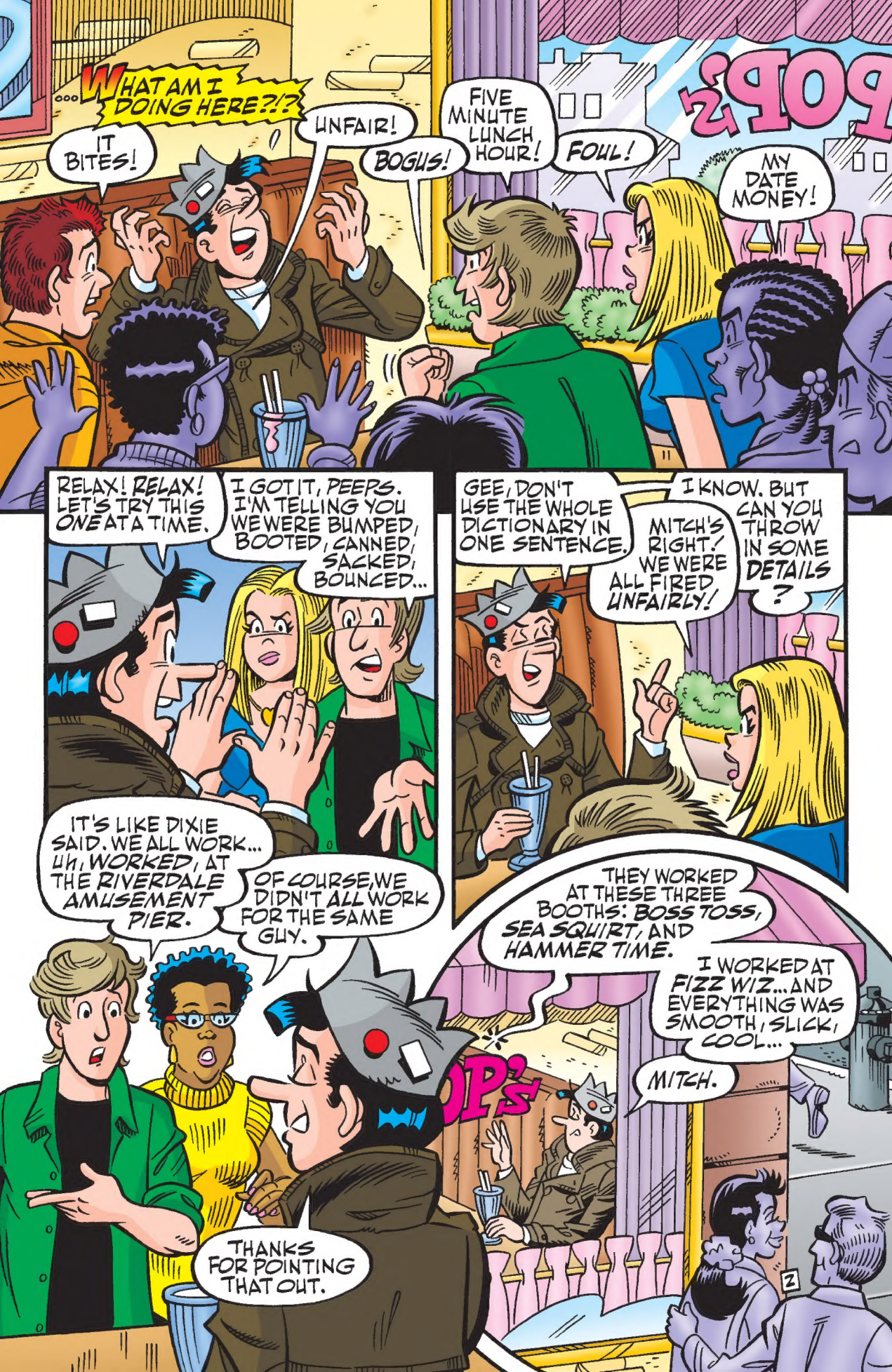
...WHAT AM I DOING HERE?!?
IT BITES!
UNFAIR!
BOGUS!
FIVE MINUTE LUNCH HOUR!
FOUL!
MY DATE MONEY!
POP's
RELAX! RELAX! LET'S TRY THIS ONE AT A TIME.
I GOT IT, PEEPS. I'M TELLING YOU WE WERE BUMPED, BOOTED, CANNED, SACKED, BOUNCED...
GEE, DON'T USE THE WHOLE DICTIONARY IN ONE SENTENCE.
MITCH'S RIGHT! WE WERE ALL FIRED UNFAIRLY!
I KNOW. BUT CAN YOU THROW IN SOME DETAILS?
IT'S LIKE DIXIE SAID. WE ALL WORK... UH, WORKED, AT THE RIVERDALE AMUSEMENT PIER.
OF COURSE, WE DIDN'T ALL WORK FOR THE SAME GUY.
THANKS FOR POINTING THAT OUT.
THEY WORKED AT THESE THREE BOOTHS: BOSS TOSS, SEA SQUIRT, AND HAMMER TIME.
I WORKED AT FIZZ WIZ... AND EVERYTHING WAS SMOOTH, SLICK, COOL...
MITCH.
POP's
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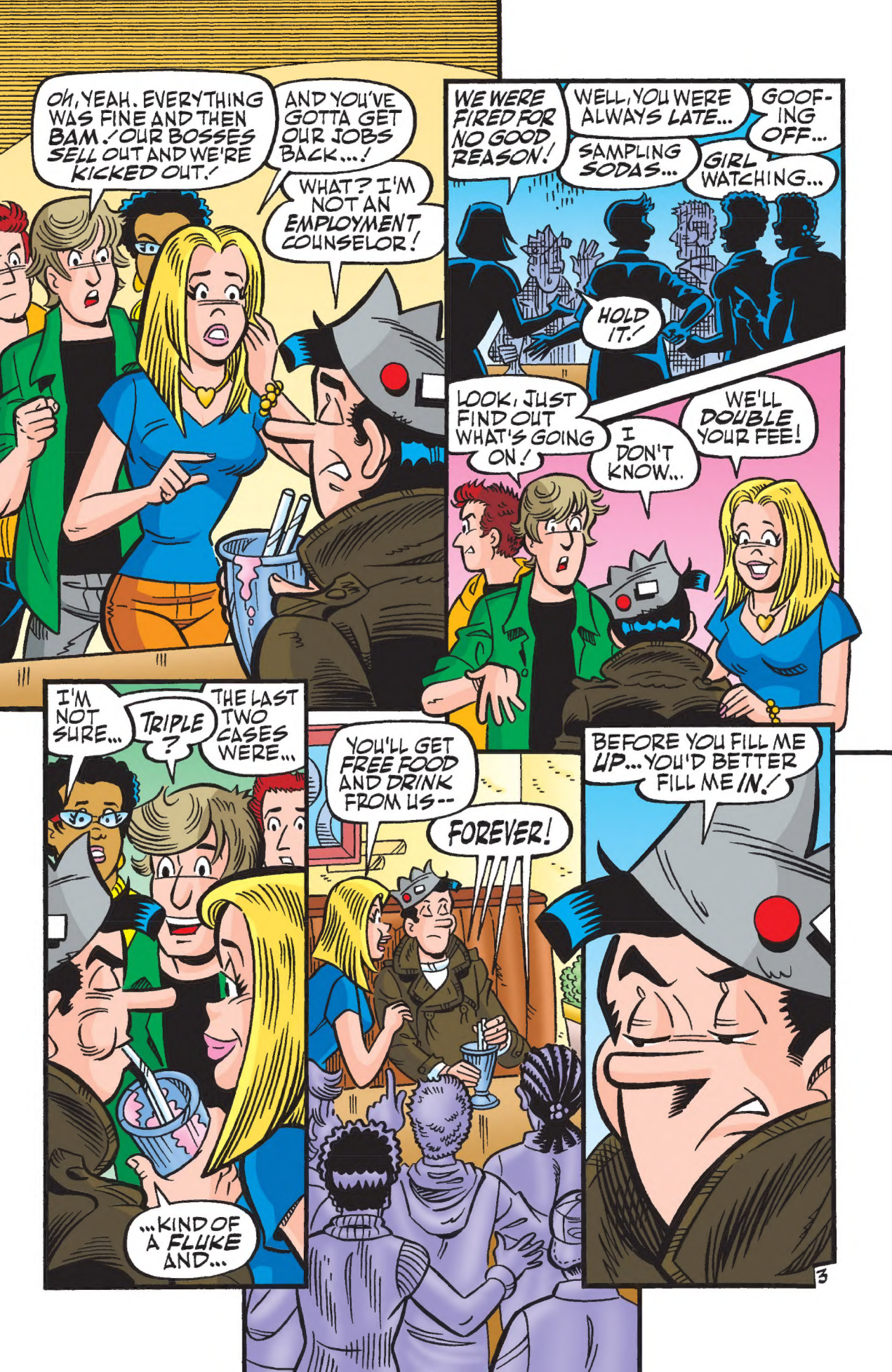
OH, YEAH. EVERYTHING WAS FINE AND THEN BAM./ OUR BOSSES SELL OUT AND WE'RE KICKED OUT./
AND YOU'VE GOTTA GET OUR JOBS BACK...!
WHAT? I'M NOT AN EMPLOYMENT COUNSELOR!
WE WERE FIRED FOR NO GOOD REASON!
WELL, YOU WERE ALWAYS LATE...
GOOF-ING OFF...
SAMPLING SODAS...
GIRL WATCHING...
HOLD IT./
LOOK, JUST FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON!
I DON'T KNOW...
WE'LL DOUBLE YOUR FEE!
I'M NOT SURE...
TRIPLE ?
THE LAST TWO CASES WERE...
...KIND OF A FLUKE AND...
YOU'LL GET FREE FOOD AND DRINK FROM US--
FOREVER!
BEFORE YOU FILL ME UP... YOU'D BETTER FILL ME IN./
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WHEN I FIRST STARTED WATCHING ALL THOSE HARD BOILED DETECTIVE MOVIES, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUN TO BE A P.I....
SNO-CONES
ANYWAY, A LIFETIME OF FREE GOODIES WAS NOTHING TO SNEEZE AT.
CARAMEL PO
BESIDES, WHAT RED-BLOODED TEEN DOESN'T LIKE AMUSEMENT PARKS?
HEY, THERE, MS. CARAMELO!
SWEET AS EVER, JUGGIE DARLING! I'LL HAVE A FRESH BAG OF POPCORN FOR YOU IN A JIFF!
CARAMEL POPCORN
MUCHAS GRACIAS, AMIGA MIA!
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE? THE ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FEST ISN'T FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS!
AMEL POPCORN
A LITTLE SCOOPIN' AND SNOOPIN'.
WORD ON THE STREET... UH, BOARDWALK, IS THAT TEEN WORKERS ARE DROPPING LIKE FLIES.
ACTUALLY, THE FLIES ARE DOING BETTER.
CARAMEL POPCORN
I NOTICED SOME OF THE YOUNG ONES WEREN'T AROUND ANYMORE!
ANYTHING WEIRD GOING ON?
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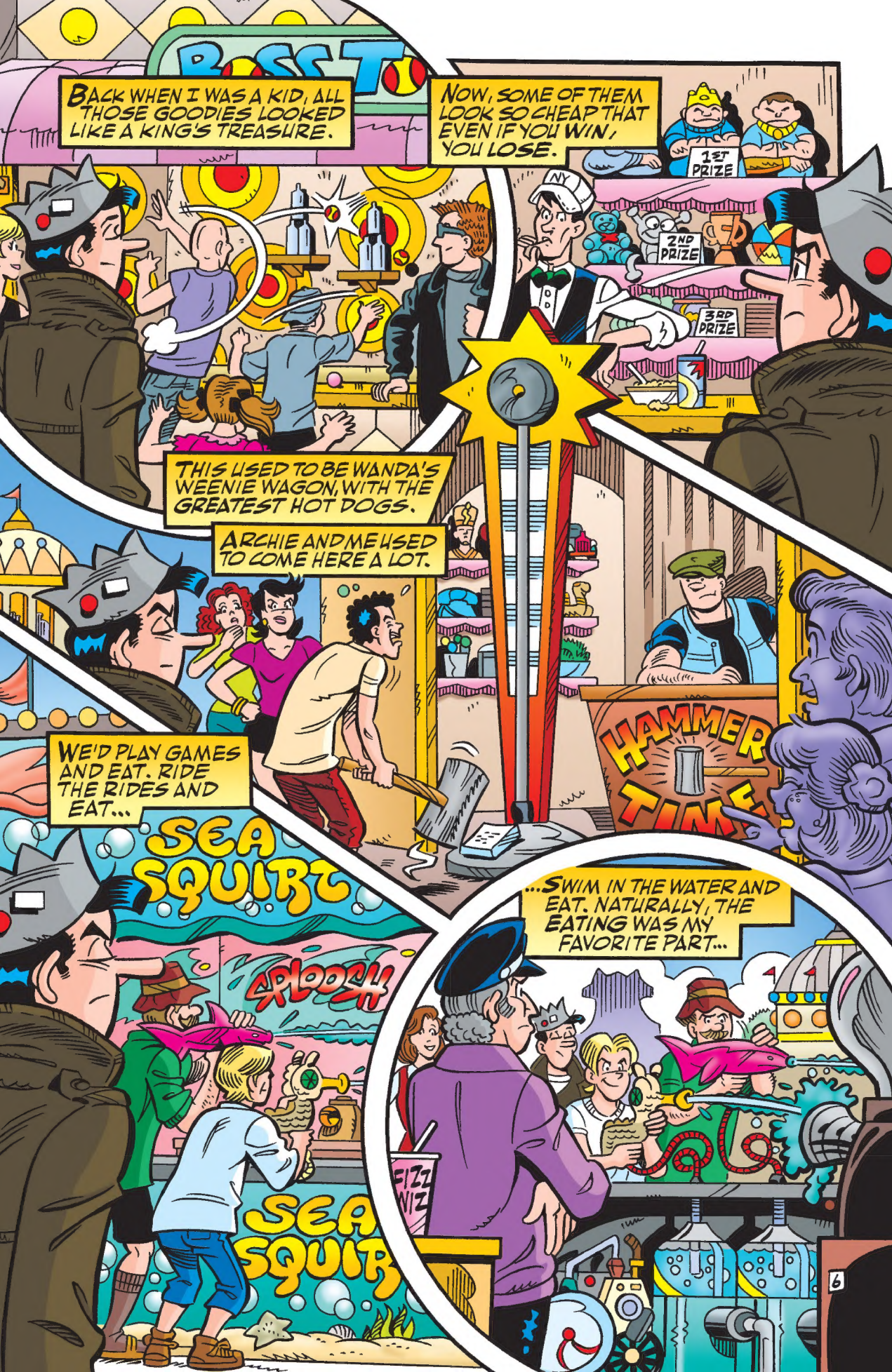
WELL... A COUPLE OF OLD-TIMERS HAVE SOLD OFF THEIR BOOTHS.
BUT THINGS CHANGE, DON'T THEY, JUGGIE? LOOK AT YOU...
"WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER, YOU LOOKED LIKE A LITTLE GUPPY..."
CARAMEL POPCORN
... BUT YOU ATE LIKE A BELUGA WHALE!
STILL DO!
I THINK I'LL TAKE A STROLL ALONG THE OLD WALKWAY...
BOSS TOSS
WHAT'RE YOU UP TO, JUGGIE?
OH, ABOUT 5'10" I'D SAY.
I'LL BE BACK.


BACK WHEN I WAS A KID, ALL THOSE GOODIES LOOKED LIKE A KING'S TREASURE.
NOW, SOME OF THEM LOOK SO CHEAP THAT EVEN IF YOU WIN, YOU LOSE.
1ST PRIZE
2ND PRIZE
3RD PRIZE
NY
THIS USED TO BE WANDA'S WEENIE WAGON, WITH THE GREATEST HOT DOGS.
ARCHIE AND ME USED TO COME HERE A LOT.
HAMMER TIME
WE'D PLAY GAMES AND EAT. RIDE THE RIDES AND EAT...
SEA SQUIRT
SPLOOSH
SEA SQUIRT
...SWIM IN THE WATER AND EAT. NATURALLY, THE EATING WAS MY FAVORITE PART...
FIZZ WIZ
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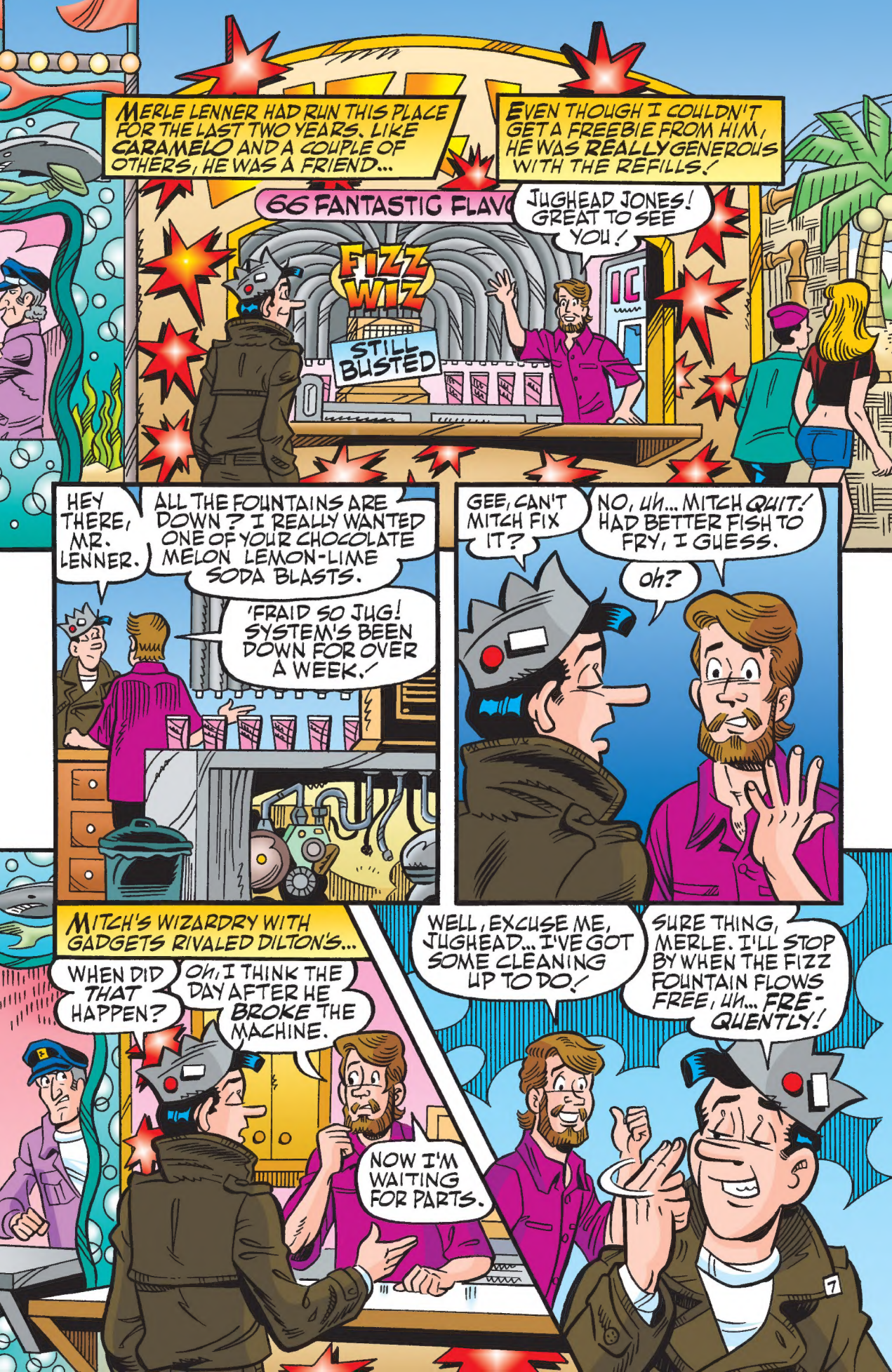
MERLE LENNER HAD RUN THIS PLACE FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS. LIKE CARAMELO AND A COUPLE OF OTHERS, HE WAS A FRIEND...
EVEN THOUGH I COULDN'T GET A FREEBIE FROM HIM, HE WAS REALLY GENEROUS WITH THE REFILLS!
66 FANTASTIC FLAV
FIZZ WIZ
STILL BUSTED
JUGHEAD JONES! GREAT TO SEE YOU!
HEY THERE, MR. LENNER.
ALL THE FOUNTAINS ARE DOWN? I REALLY WANTED ONE OF YOUR CHOCOLATE MELON LEMON-LIME SODA BLASTS.
'FRAID SO JUG! SYSTEM'S BEEN DOWN FOR OVER A WEEK.
GEE, CAN'T MITCH FIX IT?
NO, UH... MITCH QUIT! HAD BETTER FISH TO FRY, I GUESS.
OH?
MITCH'S WIZARDRY WITH GADGETS RIVALED DILTON'S...
WHEN DID THAT HAPPEN?
OH, I THINK THE DAY AFTER HE BROKE THE MACHINE.
NOW I'M WAITING FOR PARTS.
WELL, EXCUSE ME, JUGHEAD... I'VE GOT SOME CLEANING UP TO DO!
SURE THING, MERLE. I'LL STOP BY WHEN THE FIZZ FOUNTAIN FLOWS FREE, UH... FRE-QUENTLY!
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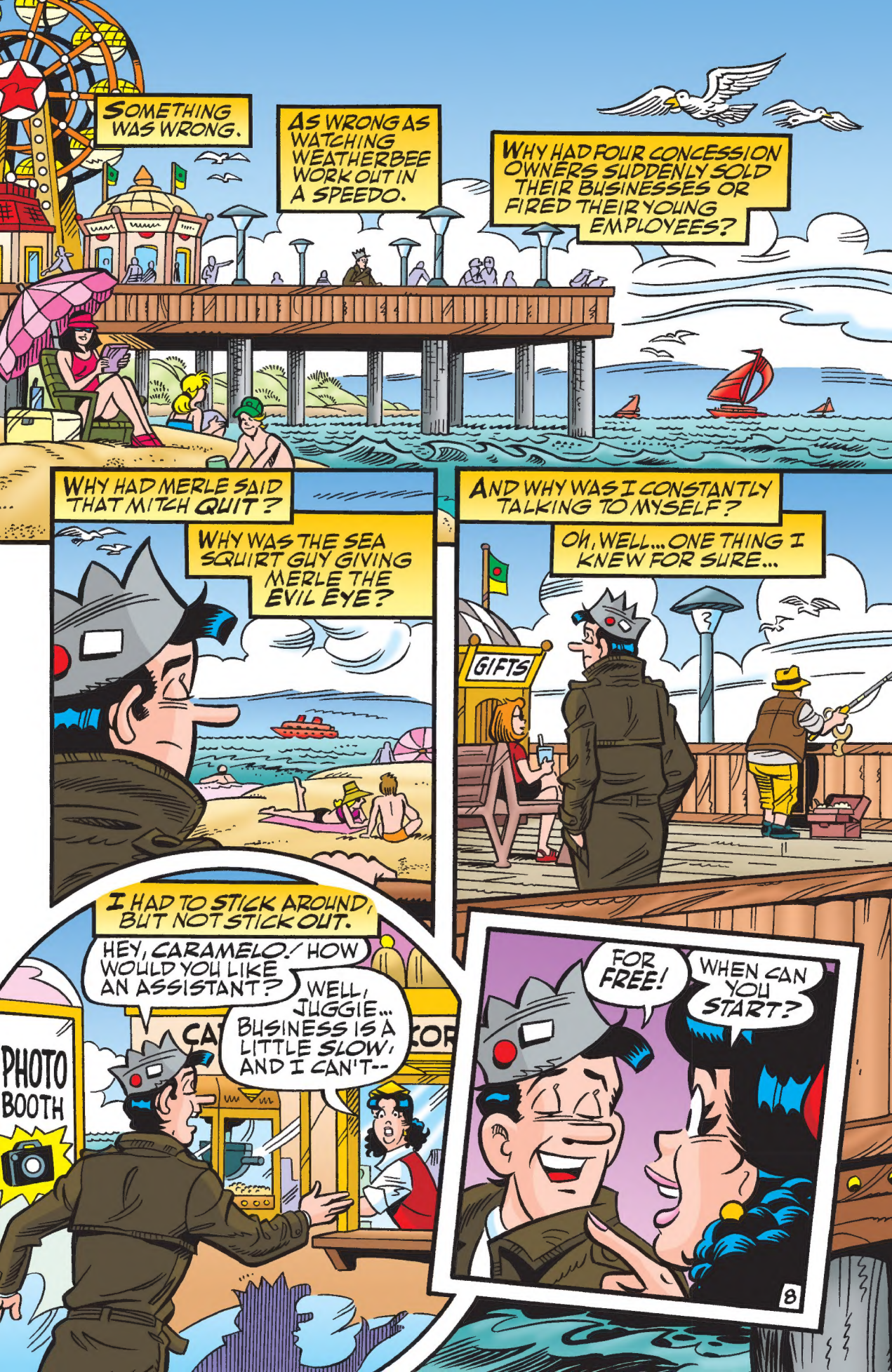
SOMETHING WAS WRONG.
AS WRONG AS WATCHING WEATHERBEE WORK OUT IN A SPEEDO.
WHY HAD FOUR CONCESSION OWNERS SUDDENLY SOLD THEIR BUSINESSES OR FIRED THEIR YOUNG EMPLOYEES?
WHY HAD MERLE SAID THAT MITCH QUIT?
WHY WAS THE SEA SQUIRT GUY GIVING MERLE THE EVIL EYE?
AND WHY WAS I CONSTANTLY TALKING TO MYSELF?
OH, WELL... ONE THING I KNEW FOR SURE...
GIFTS
I HAD TO STICK AROUND, BUT NOT STICK OUT.
HEY, CARAMELO! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE AN ASSISTANT?
WELL, JUGGIE... BUSINESS IS A LITTLE SLOW, AND I CAN'T--
PHOTO BOOTH
FOR FREE!
WHEN CAN YOU START?
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FOR TWO DAYS I WATCHED THE FUN ROLL BY. AND I LEARNED A FEW THINGS, TOO!
CARAMEL POPCORN IS A STICKY BUSINESS...
UNHAPPY FIVE-YEAR-OLDS CAN REALLY SCREAM!
LISTENING TO THE SAME TINNY CARNIVAL TUNE OVER AND OVER AGAIN...
...GETS OLD REAL FAST.
BY THE TIME ETHEL DROPPED BY...
GO ON, JUGGIE-- ADMIT YOU LOVE ME!
...I WAS HAPPY TO HEAR HER VOICE.
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WELL, ALMOST HAPPY.
CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?
I TAKE THE FIFTH.
I'VE GOTTA SAY, THERE'S SOME WEIRD STUFF GOING ON AROUND HERE.
LIKE?
THAT GUY OVER THERE--THE ONE WHO LOOKS LIKE HE PLAYS SOCCER WITH A WRECKING BALL...
OVER AT THE BOSS TOSS?
HE PLAYS EVERY DAY, TWICE A DAY...
MAYBE HE'S JUST INTO THE GAME.
CARAMEL POPCORN
HE ALWAYS WINS, AND HE ALWAYS TAKES THE SAME PRIZE--
--ONE OF THOSE BULKY STATUES!
OKAY, SO BAD TASTE RULES IN HIS HOUSE.
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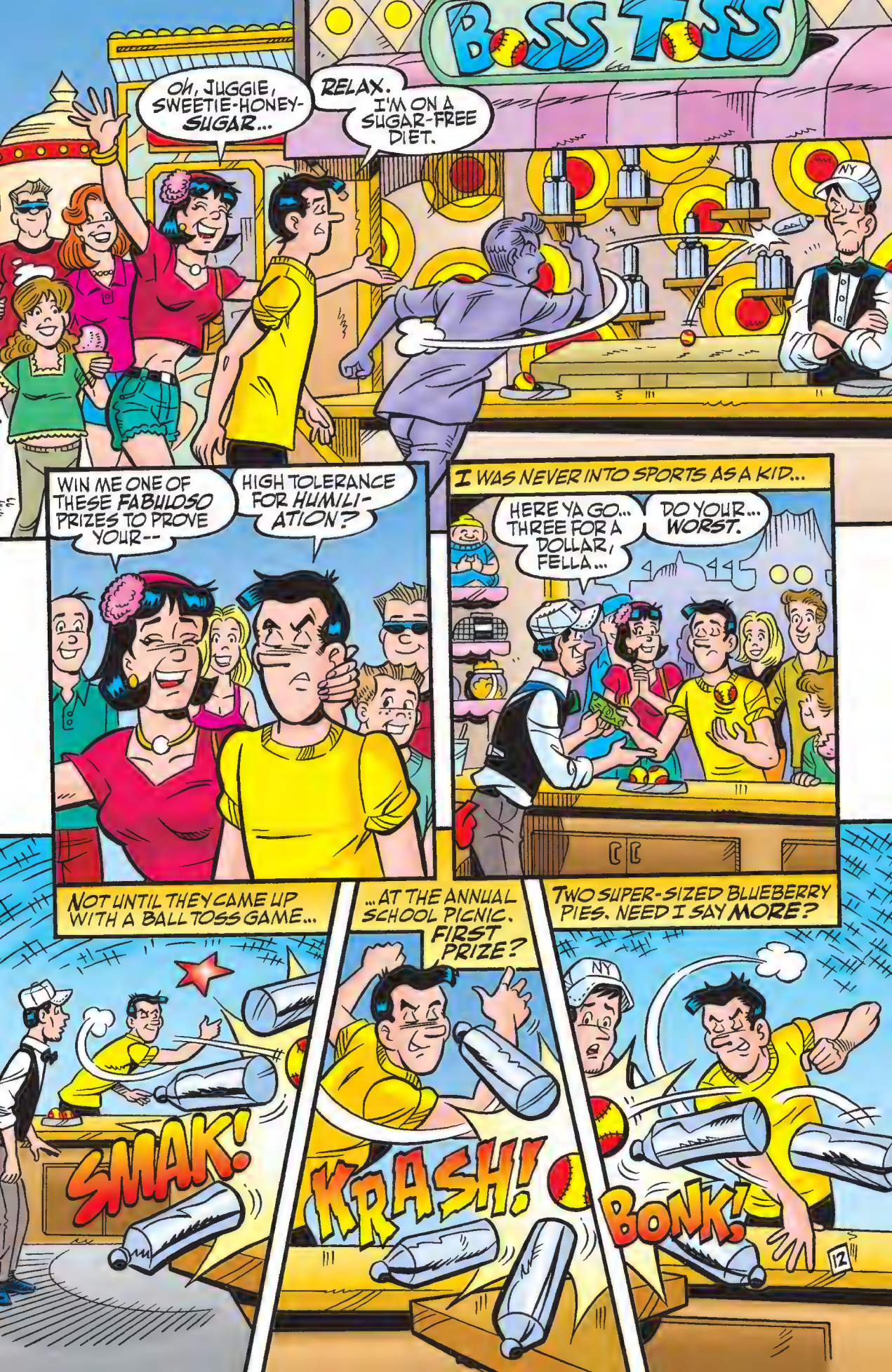
YEAH, RIGHT.
UNLESS HIS IDEA OF GOOD CHINA IS AN ALUMINUM TV TRAY, I THINK SOMETHING'S UP!
I NEED TO--
TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE!
YEAH. SO I'M--
GOING TO CHECK THEM OUT USING SOME CLEVER PLOY.
UH, YEAH, AND--
YOU NEED ME TO POSE AS YOUR AMOROUS GIRLFRIEND WHO YOU NEED TO IMPRESS BY WINNING ONE OF THOSE PRIZES!
THAT'S NOT--
TOO MUCH TO ASK OF ME? NOT EVER! NOW LET'S GO, YOU LUCKY SHAMUS, YOU!
SNO-CONE


BOSS TOSS
OH, JUGGIE, SWEETIE-HONEY-SUGAR...
RELAX. I'M ON A SUGAR-FREE DIET.
NY
WIN ME ONE OF THESE FABULOSO PRIZES TO PROVE YOUR--
HIGH TOLERANCE FOR HUMILI-ATION?
I WAS NEVER INTO SPORTS AS A KID...
HERE YA GO... THREE FOR A DOLLAR, FELLA...
DO YOUR... WORST.
NOT UNTIL THEY CAME UP WITH A BALL TOSS GAME...
...AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL PICNIC. FIRST PRIZE?
TWO SUPER-SIZED BLUEBERRY PIES. NEED I SAY MORE?
SMAK!
KRASH!
BONK!
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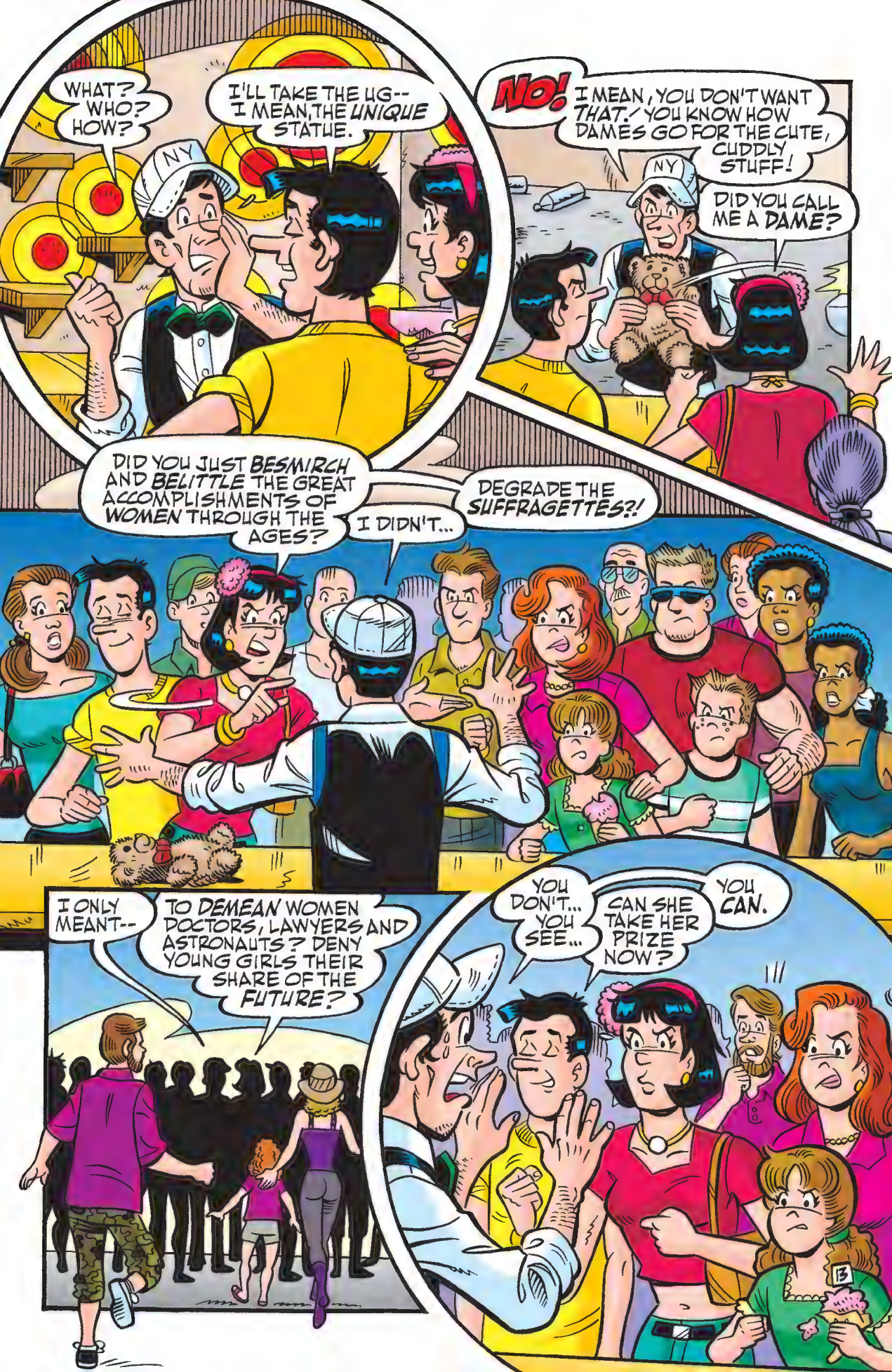
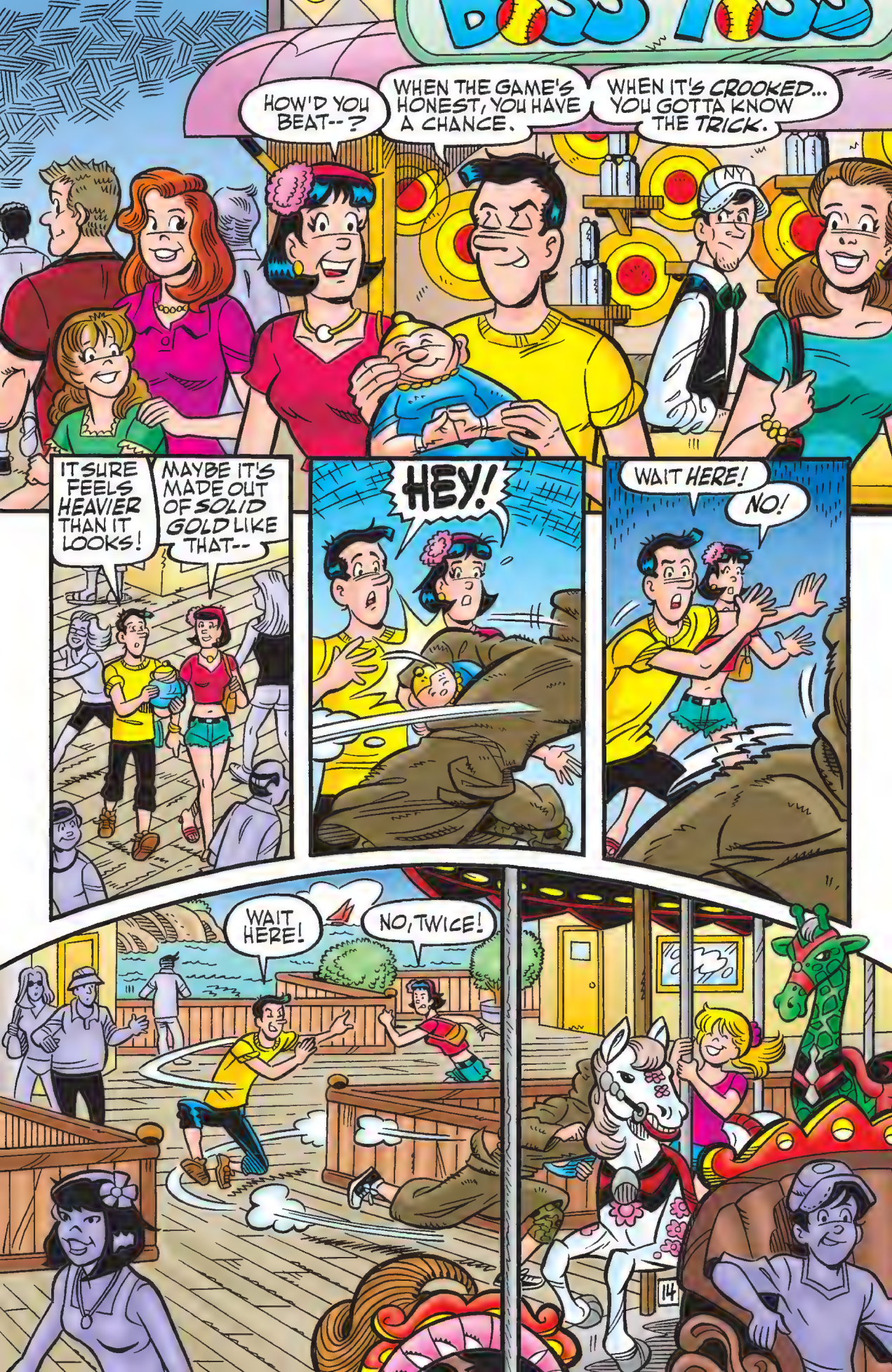

WHAT? WHO? HOW?
I'LL TAKE THE UG-- I MEAN, THE UNIQUE STATUE.
NY
NO! I MEAN, YOU DON'T WANT THAT. YOU KNOW HOW DAMES GO FOR THE CUTE, CUDDLY STUFF!
DID YOU CALL ME A DAME?
DID YOU JUST BESMIRCH AND BELITTLE THE GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF WOMEN THROUGH THE AGES?
I DIDN'T...
DEGRADE THE SUFFRAGETTES?!
I ONLY MEANT--
TO DEMEAN WOMEN DOCTORS, LAWYERS AND ASTRONAUTS? DENY YOUNG GIRLS THEIR SHARE OF THE FUTURE?
YOU DON'T... YOU SEE...
CAN SHE TAKE HER PRIZE NOW?
YOU, CAN.


BOSS TOSS
HOW'D YOU BEAT--?
WHEN THE GAME'S HONEST, YOU HAVE A CHANCE.
WHEN IT'S CROOKED... YOU GOTTA KNOW THE TRICK.
NY
IT SURE FEELS HEAVIER THAN IT LOOKS!
MAYBE IT'S MADE OUT OF SOLID GOLD LIKE THAT--
HEY!
WAIT HERE!
NO!
WAIT HERE!
NO, TWICE!
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TELLING YOU TO WAIT NOW WOULD BE--
POINTLESS.
THOUGHT SO.
BUMP!
NORMAL
STOP
FAST
KA-CHUNK!
KRASH!
ZOOM!
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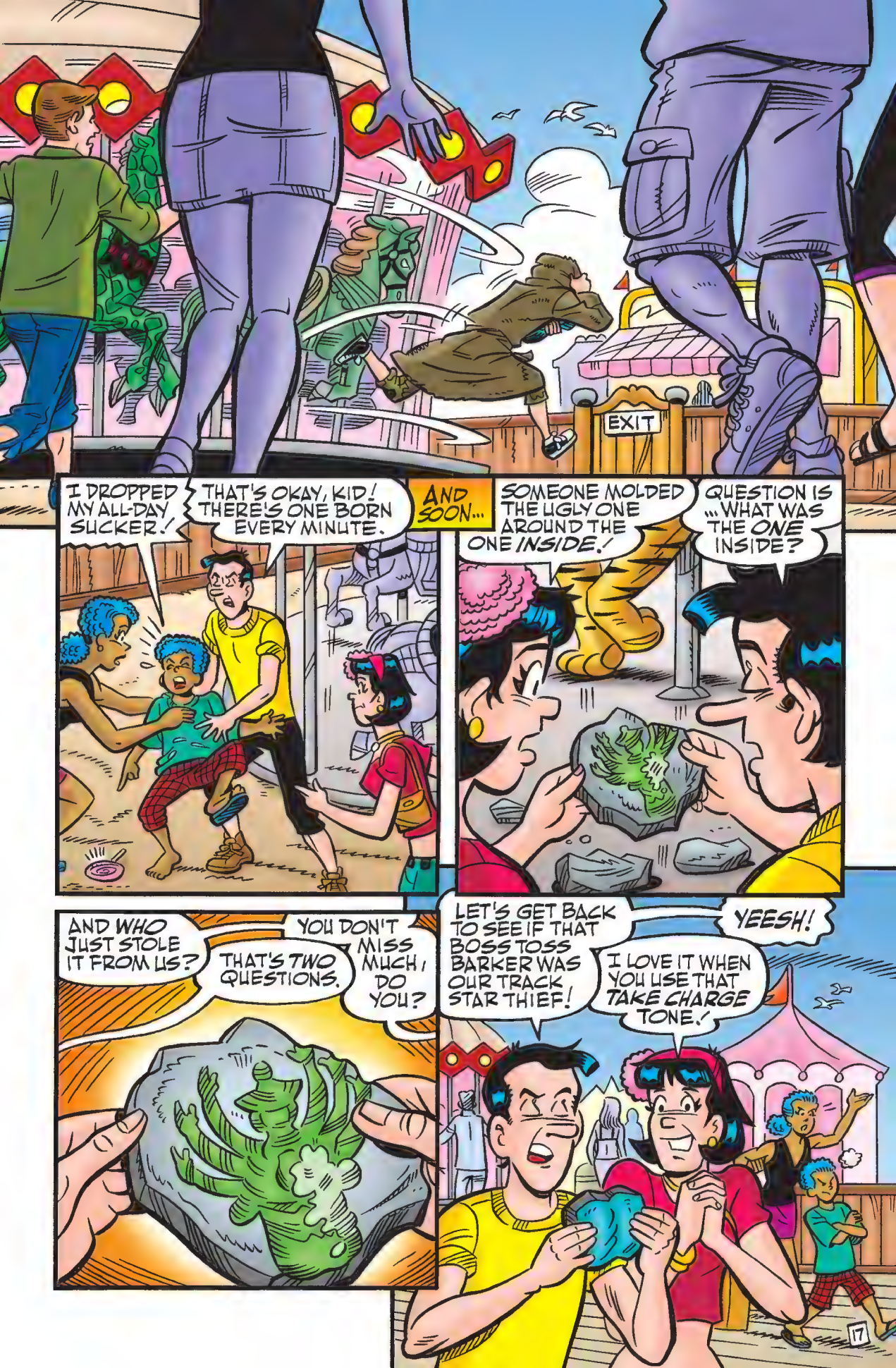
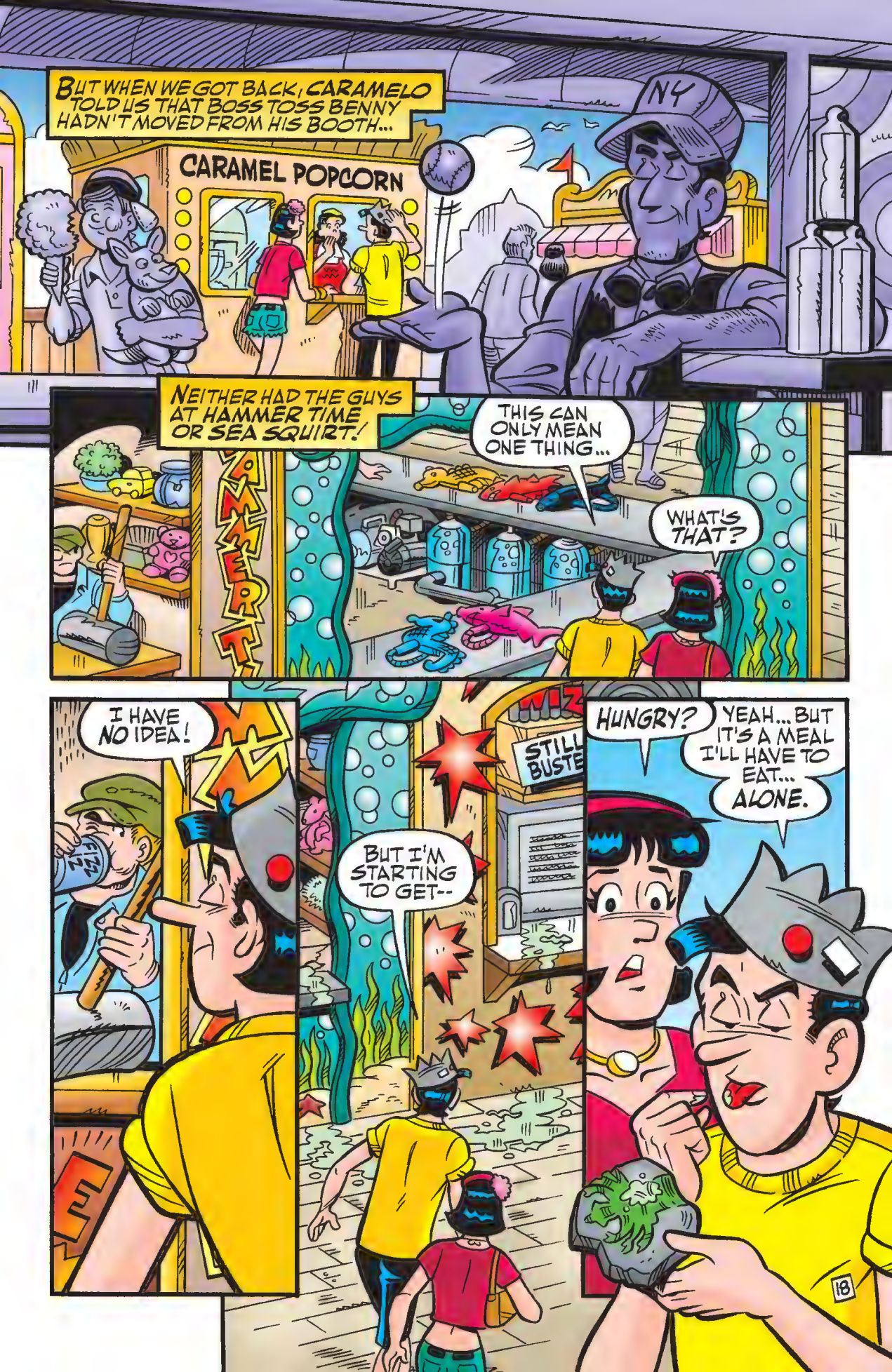
BAM!
THAT'LL LEAVE A MARK.
HOLD ON, JUGGIE!
GOOD IDEA!
NORMAL
STOP
FAST


EXIT
I DROPPED MY ALL-DAY SUCKER!
THAT'S OKAY, KID! THERE'S ONE BORN EVERY MINUTE.
AND SOON...
SOMEONE MOLDED THE UGLY ONE AROUND THE ONE INSIDE!
QUESTION IS ...WHAT WAS THE ONE INSIDE?
AND WHO JUST STOLE IT FROM US?
THAT'S TWO QUESTIONS.
YOU DON'T MISS MUCH, DO YOU?
LET'S GET BACK TO SEE IF THAT BOSS TOSS BARKER WAS OUR TRACK STAR THIEF!
I LOVE IT WHEN YOU USE THAT TAKE CHARGE TONE.
YEESH!


BUT WHEN WE GOT BACK, CARAMELO TOLD US THAT BOSS TOSS BENNY HADN'T MOVED FROM HIS BOOTH...
CARAMEL POPCORN
NY
NEITHER HAD THE GUYS AT HAMMER TIME OR SEA SQUIRT!
HAMMER T
THIS CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...
WHAT'S THAT?
I HAVE NO IDEA!
BUT I'M STARTING TO GET--
HUNGRY?
YEAH... BUT IT'S A MEAL I'LL HAVE TO EAT... ALONE.
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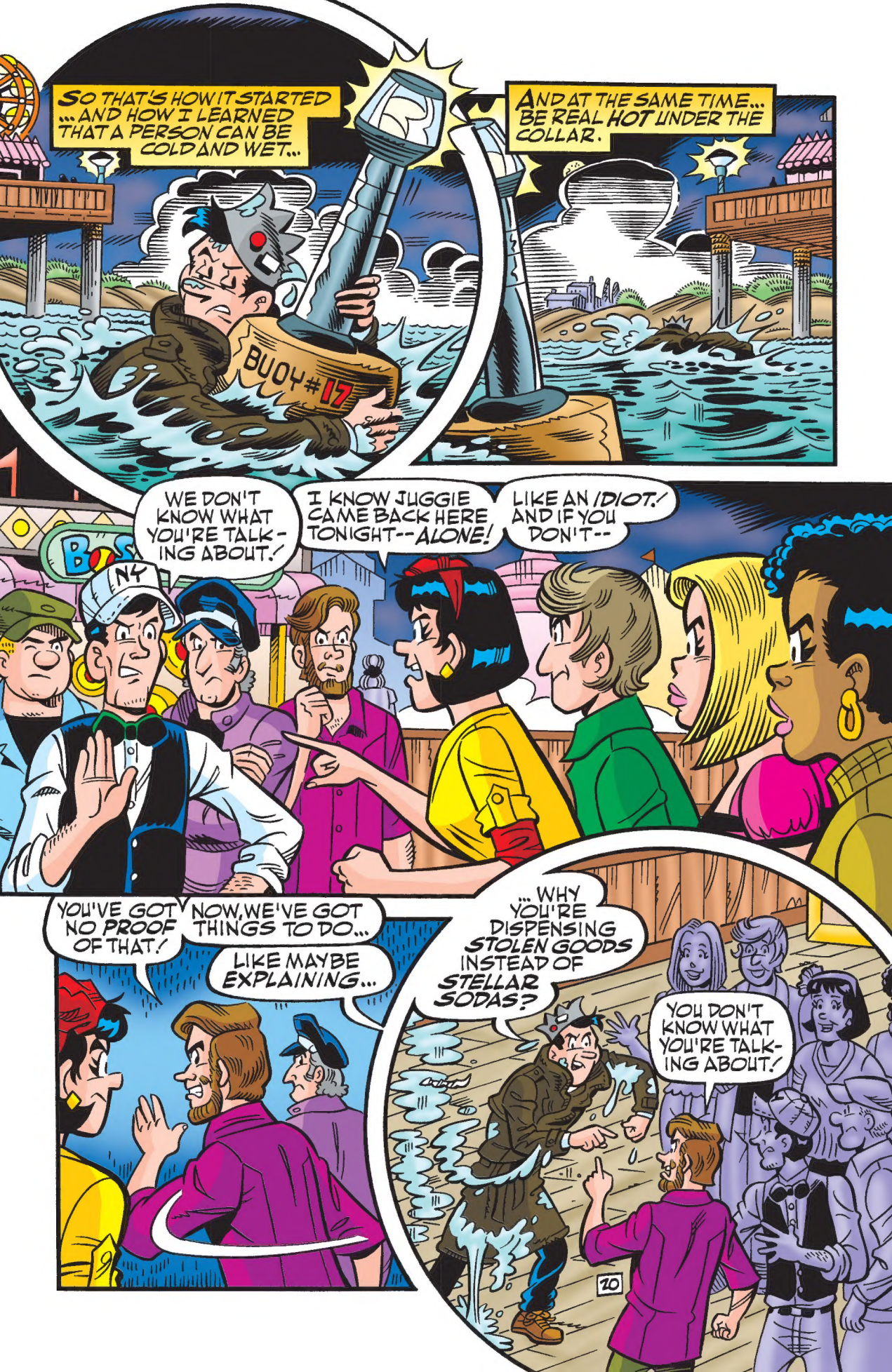
FIZZ WIZ
STILL BUSTED
ICE
IT HAD ALL COME TOGETHER LIKE A SEAFOOD SALAD...
I KNEW SOMEONE HAD SABOTAGED THE FIZZ WIZ FOUNTAIN SO MERLE WOULDN'T NEED THE CARBONATION TANKS...
I KNEW THEY NEEDED THE TANKS FOR SOMETHING ELSE...
AND I KNEW SOMETHING ELSE...
I KNEW THEY KNEW THAT I KNEW./
SPLASH!


SO THAT'S HOW IT STARTED ...AND HOW I LEARNED THAT A PERSON CAN BE COLD AND WET...
BUOY #17
AND AT THE SAME TIME... BE REAL HOT UNDER THE COLLAR.
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALK-ING ABOUT./
I KNOW JUGGIE CAME BACK HERE TONIGHT--ALONE!
LIKE AN /DIOT./ AND IF YOU DON'T--
NY
YOU'VE GOT NO PROOF OF THAT./
NOW, WE'VE GOT THINGS TO DO...
LIKE MAYBE EXPLAINING...
...WHY YOU'RE DISPENSING STOLEN GOODS INSTEAD OF STELLAR SODAS?
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALK-ING ABOUT./
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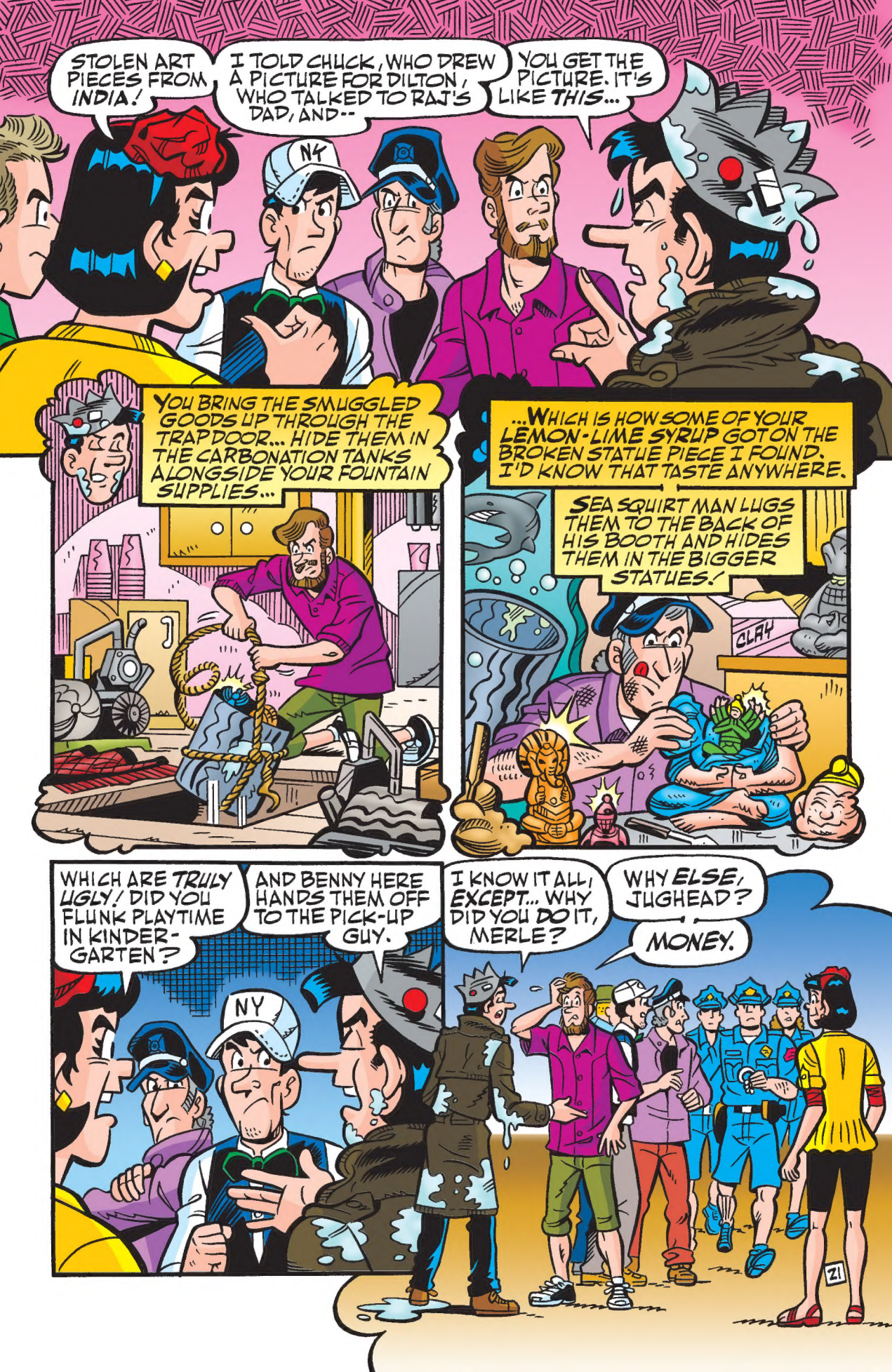
STOLEN ART PIECES FROM INDIA!
I TOLD CHUCK, WHO DREW A PICTURE FOR DILTON, WHO TALKED TO RAJ'S DAD, AND--
YOU GET THE PICTURE. IT'S LIKE THIS...
NY
YOU BRING THE SMUGGLED GOODS UP THROUGH THE TRAPDOOR... HIDE THEM IN THE CARBONATION TANKS ALONGSIDE YOUR FOUNTAIN SUPPLIES...
...WHICH IS HOW SOME OF YOUR LEMON-LIME SYRUP GOT ON THE BROKEN STATUE PIECE I FOUND. I'D KNOW THAT TASTE ANYWHERE.
SEA SQUIRT MAN LUGS THEM TO THE BACK OF HIS BOOTH AND HIDES THEM IN THE BIGGER STATUES!
CLAY
WHICH ARE TRULY UGLY! DID YOU FLUNK PLAYTIME IN KINDER-GARTEN?
AND BENNY HERE HANDS THEM OFF TO THE PICK-UP GUY.
NY
I KNOW IT ALL, EXCEPT... WHY DID YOU DO IT, MERLE?
WHY ELSE, JUGHEAD?
MONEY.
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NEXT DAY...
AND SO IT GOES. MERLE WANTED OUT OF THE FIZZ WIZ BIZ.
SO HE DID WHAT HE DID... FOR MONEY.
CHIP-O'S
YOU MIGHT ASK WHY I DO WHAT I DO.
IT'S SO THE OLD OWNERS WILL GET THEIR STANDS BACK.
MY CLIENTS WILL GET THEIR JOBS BACK!
AND I... FINALLY GET TO RELAX!
NO MORE STOLEN NEW INVENTIONS, SABOTAGE, OR SMUGGLING.
JUST A TAN AND SANDY SNOOZE!
JUGGIE! YOU'VE GOT TO GET OVER TO POP'S RIGHT NOW. SOME GUY WITH A DEEP VOICE CALLED-- HE SAYS THERE'S TROUBLE!
THE POD MAN IS COMING!
AND HE'S COMING FOR YOU!
THEN AGAIN... I COULD BE WRONG.
NEXT
SHADOW OF THE PODMAN, MAN!